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Minuteness of Electrons.

Crookes, in his vacuum tubes around 1880, tore matter by means of very tigh potential electrical disruptive dis charges into particles so inconceivably minute that he called them matter in the ultra gaseous, or fourth state.

In 1899 the modern master among minds proved these particles to be themselves electricity. Rutherford, Ramsay, Becquerel, Soddy, the Curies, Larmor and others confirmed the mighty discovery. Then came Robert Andrews Millikan, University of Chieago, in 1911, and astonished every scientific man in the world by actually isolating and weighing one of these excessively minute entities.

This was at once conceded to be the greatest work of man since Newton covered how to use infinitesimals. Of these particles, if they could be forced to lie side by side in contactimpossible by man-a row one inch long would contain 12,700,000,000,000. They are known to be pure electricity. They are called electrons, and nothing exists but electrons.-Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

ad to Go and Climb a Tree.

3 Countess of Desmond died in .004 at the age of 140. In his "History of the World" Sir Walter Italeigh states: "I myself knew the old Countess of Desmond, who was married in Edward IV.'s time and beld her jointure from all the earls of Deamond since then; and that this is true all the no blemen and gentlemen in Munster can witness." She retained all her faculties to the last, walked ten miles in a day only a week before her death, and, according to the inscription on the back of her portrait at Muckross abbey, "in ye course of her long Pilgrimage re-newed her teeth twice." The countess looked like living another fifty years. when, as Lord Leicester told Sir William Temple, "she must needs climb a nut tree to gather nots; so, falling Tit-Bits, down, she hurt her thigh, which brought a fever, and that brought

Shamrock Diet For Athletes.

Has any modern athlete thought of trying the shamrock as training diet? Most of the writers of former times who credited the Irish with enting their national plant spoke of this as evidence of the poverty of the people. though some said it was eaten to make the breath sweet. But Mundy, an Oxford vegetarian, at the end of the seventeenth century observed, with satisfaction, that "the Irish that nourish themselves with their shamrock (which is the purple clover) are swift of foot and of nimble strength." And Linnaeus wrote, "The swift and agile Irishmen nourish themselves with their shamrock, which is the purple trefoil. for they make from the flowers of this plant, breathing a honeyed odor, a bread which is more pleasant than that made from other materials.-Loudon Chronicle

The Spanish owner of a Mexican ranch in the days of President Diaz conducted a soap factory, this being common among the big ranchers, who in this way ose the waste product of the cattle and sheep business. He run a general store and paid his men in soap, which could be turned in at the store for the necessaries of life. The sonp was soft, and it melted or wasted away so that its purchasing price was much decreased when it was weighed in at the store against other commodi ties. The ignorant peops had heard vaguely of Disz, and eventually they mounted their horses and rode 500 miles to the City of Mexico. A house servant would have turned them away It is related, save that the president happened to see them through a window. He ordered them admitted and heard the story in great wrath. His verdict against the oppressor was that all back wages, irrespective of the soap currency, should be paid them and other reforms instituted on penalty of confiscation of the ranch.- New York

Highest Mountain In Idaho. Idaho has only one peak having an altitude greater than 12,000 feet, that is Hyndman peak, near the Bisine-Custer county line. The elevation of this mountain is 12,078 feet. There are, however, several unnamed peaks near Hyndman peak whose elevations are greater than 12,000 feet, as shown by the contours on the Halley topographic map published by the United States geological survey.

A Cheerful Soul.

Creditor sdeterminedly:-I shall caff at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones:-Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintanceship ripenting into friendship.-London

Had Heard of Them.

Bobby (to grandmother)-Grandma. have you ever seen an eagine wagging its ears? Grandms-No; nonsense Bobby. I pever heard of an engine having any ears. Bobby-Why, haven't you heard of engineers?-Chicago

What Did He Mean?

Wife (at dinner)-Cook left us this morning. Husband-Who cooked the Wife-I did. Husband-Re ally? Well, we'll have to get a rook right away .- Lippincott's.

The Bright Side. "So your wife has eloped with your

"Yes, but he wasn't much of a chauffeur."-Honston Post.

Indolence never sent a man to the front.-James T. Fields.

True mahogany is distinctly a native of tropical America, but occasionally small specimens have been found in southern Florida, and similar trees. never reaching the height of the American relative, have been found in India Mahogany has been planted in south ern Florida, southern California and Mexico, but only as an ornamental tree, for it is of such slow growth and re quires for full maturity such natural surroundings that for commercial purposes it would be impossible of cultivation. It is a glant among even the giants of a tropical forest. It towers sometimes to a height of 100 feet. The trunk is often fifty feet in length and twelve feet in diameter, and it divides into huge arms and throws its shade over a vast extent of surface. The pre cine period of growth is not accurately known, but when large it changes little during the life of man, the time of its arrival at maturity being estimated at 200 years .- Houston Post.

The Old Days at Harvard.

In his "Story of Harvard" Arthur Stanwood Pier quotes a curious anecdote by Professor Sidney Willard of the class of 1798. In spite of its age. the story has some very modern features

The students who boarded at commons, wrote Professor Willard, were obliged to go to the kitchen door with their bowls or pitchers for their sup pers, where they received their mod! cum of milk or chocolate in the vesse that each held in one hand and their piece of bread in the other and repair ed to their rooms to take their solitary repast. There were suspicions at times that the milk was diluted with a mixture of a very common, tasteless fluid. which led a sagacious Yankee student to put the matter to a test by asking the simple carrier boy why his mother did not mix the milk with warm water instead of cold.

"She does," replied the honest youth

Fault of the Dictionary. A business concern, after running its own trade organ for some time, decid ed that it must have a printing department under its own supervision, be cause it found that "the ordinary print ing office is not properly equipped to get out large quantities of special matter on short notice in an up to date manner and at an 'equanomical' cost.' Soon after one partner turned to the other and inquired, "Do you spel 'e-q-u-e' or 'e-q-u-l' in 'equinomical?' "I am not sure." said the other. "Look in the dictionary." After searching the first said with pained surprise, "Tain't here." The second came to help him. but had no better success. Then they stared at each other in astonishment till one exclaimed, "Well, what do you think of a man that would get up a big dictionary like that and not put in such a common word as 'equinomical?"-Argonaut.

Land Leeches of Ceylon.

Beautiful Ceylon has mosquitoes said to be the most adroit and audacious in the world and snakes and a thousand more plagues of poor human beings but the worst of them all is a species of leech. The Ceylon land leech is a thin creature about two inches long and very nimble and flexible. It will crawl up a man's leg and, traveling un derneath the clothing, will climb a high as the throat. These leeches do not crawl like the leeches that are known to medicine, but rear themselves up on their talls to watch for prey and walk off to attack it with amazing rapidity. In walking through the jungle hosts of them may be seen by the roadside, where they wait to victimize cattle. Horses, it is said, are driven half wild by them, as also are palanquip bearers and coolies, whose bare legs are their favorite resort, the men's hands being too engaged to pull them off. The leeches may be seen hanging round their ankles, from which tlay trickles of blood run over the foot.-London Standard.

One of His Own Books.

At the height of his vogue Duma could not turn out his tales fast enough to satisfy his clamoring publishers, and It became necessary for him to employ collaborators, to whom he sketched the plot, perhaps, leaving them to do the Among the most distinguished was Paul Meurice.

Thus it came about that Meurice was the author of one of the most amusing novels of Dumas. Dumas when trav eling found this novel in a botel and opened it to pass away the time. He began reading it seriously, got interest ed in it and was amused. Presently some one came to his room and found him with his own book in his hand.

"I am reading," said Domas in response to a question, "a novel of my own which I did not know and which pleases me vastly."

It was Dumas who said when left to himself, "I am never bored when I have my own company."-New York

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